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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Procurement 85,000 MTs of Maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2023-24 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency- Orders - Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.257 Dated:13-03-2024

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG. II) Department, Dated: 09-01-2020.
2. MSP for Kharif crops for KMS 2023-24 declared by GoI vide Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, letter dt.19.02.2024.
3. Lr.No.Stat(2)/20/2023, Dt:19.02.2024 from Spl Commissioner of Agriculture .
4. MD, AP Markfed, Rc.No. P&M/ Maize/ MSP/ Rabi/ 2023-24, Dt:06.03.2024 .

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse Grains were issued by the Government.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government of India has declared the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Maize as Rs.2090/- per Quintal for the Rabi 2023-24.

3. In the reference 3rd read above the Department of Agriculture has submitted the production estimates during Rabi 2023-24, stating that Maize is cultivated in an area of 1,89,935 Ha with an expected production of 16,81,997 MTs.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency for procurement of Maize under MSP and to arrange the required funds of Rs. 1096.76 Crores for procurement of 4,20,499 MTs of Maize @ Rs. 26,082/- per MT at MSP from the Price Stabilization Fund(PSF) of State Government and permission to raise the loan from the private banks. Further requested to bear the losses arising if any in the transaction by the State Government.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal hereby nominate the A.P MarkFed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of 85,000 MTs of Maize (as was permitted in Rabi 2022-23) under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Rabi 2023-24 with a direction to minimize expenditure on all the components of logistics/ incidentals during procurement and duly following the modalities specified:

1. The MSP fixed by the Government of India for Rabi 2023-24 for FAQ Maize of Rs.2090/- per Quintal shall be Implemented by the Nodal Agency i.e A.P.MarkFed.

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2. The procurement period will be from 14-03-2024 to 15-05-2024

3. The procurement centers will be at the RBK level. The procurement centers/agencies will be decided by the District Administration in the District Level Procurement Committee meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The District Administration can also decide to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO's, Village Organizations (SHGs) as Agencies for taking up procurement operations at the RBK level.

5. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in the e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Rabi 2023-24.

6. The A.P.MarkFed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP MarkFed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

7. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Maize at MSP from the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF). In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers the A.P MarkFed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

8. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, AP MarkFed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/Gunnies/unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

9. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Maize MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

10. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/ AWSL/ NBHC and Agricultural Marketing Department etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC and other service providers shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement/ warehouse receipts.

11. The Aadhar based online farmers payments should be done through CM APP.

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12. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Storage charges, packing material cost, unloading/loading hamali charges, transportation, cost grading and packing stitching charges and QR code label cost and commission/service charges etc.

13. Commission of the grain cost (MSP) on the procurement of Maize will be provided to the Nodal agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

14. After completion of the Maize procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Maize stocks.

15. The A.P.MarkFed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Maize stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

16. After disposal of the stocks, the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall meet the losses if any from Central Market Fund .

6. The Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (FMU.A&C, AHDD &F,CS) Dept. vide their U.O.No: FIN01-FMU0ASD(AC)/23/2024-FMU-AC-CS-AH, (C.No: 2380801) , Dt:13/03/2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P, Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P.,Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:-
The Finance (FMU. A &C, AH DD &F, CS) Department.
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers through Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
PS to Hon'ble Minister for Agri. & Coop.
PS to Prl.Secy. to Govt. (AM&C), Agri. & Coop. Department.
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SECTION OFFICER